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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

At this critical juncture, when the spirit of war is abroad and the minds of men are filled with apprehension, it is well to revert to the admonitions of George Washington contained in his immortal farewell address.

To those who lack confidence in the chosen authorities the words of Washington speak in no uncertain way, while his counsel in respect to our international relations is especially pertinent at this time.

There can be no doubt, in the light of his farewell words to his countrymen, what the attitude of Washington would be were he living now.

It is perhaps needless to do more than call attention to this anniversary and to suggest the opportunity it offers to consult the counsel of the Father of His Country so far as that may apply to existing conditions.

The Spanish war ship Vizcaya is safely anchored in the bay at New York. The naval authorities there took every precaution to guard the visitor when entering the bay and ample provision has been made for her protection from possible danger.

The officers of the Vizcaya very properly decided not to accept any social attentions and the probability is that both officers and sailors will keep pretty close to their ship during her stay here.

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The coming summer will see more strangers in Omaha every month than during its whole previous history. While the gates of the exposition are open Omaha will be the place of meeting of more conventions and congresses.

CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT.

Leading newspapers of all shades of political opinion express full confidence in President McKinley at this critical juncture and in this they voice the thoughtful judgment of the people.

The appointment of a general superintendent to supervise the construction of buildings, the laying out of grounds and roadways and the installation of exhibits in response to the general demand for the concentration of responsibility will be regarded with favor by the stockholders of the exposition and the general public.

In Kentucky, where democracy had been from time immemorial a unit on everything pertaining to party, a distinct line of cleavage has been discovered right where such a thing would have been least suspected.

Colorado is one of the greatest of the states of the transmississippi region. It now boasts that its gold production last year was greater than that of any other state.

While the cities and towns all around us are preparing for a spring municipal campaign, Omaha rests serenely in the assurance that it will not be called upon to elect a new set of city officials for two years to come.

Now that it is settled that New Mexico is not to be made a state at the present session of congress the residents of the territory make a reasonable and just demand that the United States afford them every facility for removing the chief objection urged against statehood.

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The chief of police has asked permission to import ten special detectives who have had experience in other cities to help protect the exposition visitors.

INTEREST IN THE EXPOSITION.

The state papers appear to be inclined to aid in the effort to have Colorado make some sort of a showing at the Omaha exposition.

The excursion to view the Transmississippi Exposition will be on Monday and Tuesday next to assure Colorado's and Denver's glorious participation.

Utah has an experienced man occupied in collecting ores for the state's exhibit at Omaha. He has been on Mercur and will make similar collections from all other camps in the state.

The delegation from the west which visited Louisville yesterday for the Transmississippi and International Exposition at Omaha found here no lack of interest in that great enterprise.

The members of the transmississippi commission certainly have reason to be gratified with the spirit manifested by the people of St. Joseph yesterday.

Oregon would not be represented at the Omaha exposition. There is no legislation to appeal to, so resort must be had to private enterprise.

Some of the projects under way by the United States cost \$212 each. The old idea that war is largely a financial duel still finds support.

It looks as if the silver democracy might yet be split up according to the different ratios. We are led to believe about the sixteen-to-ones and the twenty-to-ones.

The Omaha delegation is all right. There was a fear that the governor, who was not properly notified, but at last it has been learned by the confession of the gentleman himself that the chairman of the party was born in Indianapolis.

It is our judgment that to make beer a little less respectable among the "property" of Milwaukee boozers. Beer is a good thing; Milwaukee beer is a good thing.

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The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad is distinctly a granger road, and its dividend rate is an excellent indicator of western agricultural conditions.

NATIONAL SELF-CONTROL.

The American people are a high-spirited and fearless people, but they are also a people of fair dealing and common sense.

All honor to the gallant captain out of whose grief and bitterness at the sight of his ruined ship and his annihilated crew would have come the calm, collected, yet extraordinary message to his country: "Public opinion should be suspended."

A gentleman and a public soldier does not fight in blind rage over a suspicion. It is only the cad and bully who swagers into bravado. The fire-eaters of the press and narrow-minded big game hunters are every body understands them and it is doubtful if even the stock market will respond to their shrieks.

The first dispatch from Captain Sigbee, asking for a suspension of public judgment, was variously interpreted. But it was immediately accepted by the people of the United States as the command of common sense and common justice.

One might have supposed that the most rampant and mischievous agitator in the present time, a great dissembler like that of the battle ship Maine, would be awed into silence and obey the wise suggestion of Captain Sigbee to suspend judgment until all the facts had been ascertained.

Every sensible and patriotic American is ready to take Captain Sigbee's advice in this matter. He trusts implicitly in our naval officers and the Navy department.

In the midst of all the excitement it is pleasant and reassuring to contemplate the dignified attitude of the United States government. There is no haste in any respect to guarantee that the affair is to be conducted on our part at least, in a spirit of humanity and civilization.

Indiana Journal: At the corn convention in Chicago the average value of the annual value of the silver output was \$85,500,000, while the average value of the corn crop the last ten years has been \$336,000,000.

Chicago Times-Herald: Corn is the great staple agricultural product of this country. It far surpasses in acreage and in value the wheat crop, which, for obvious reasons, cuts a more important figure in speculation.

Seventy-five million dollars is the estimated sum of the first budget of the enlarged New York, as revised and corrected. The total appropriation for the various boards of estimate in December was \$28,710,000.

The first run in the congressional campaign of next fall has been fired in the Sixth Illinois district, where the republicans have re-nominated Congressman Boutwell on a platform of "equivalency" and "universality."

Prof. Hamilton King, the new minister to Detroit, took out his citizenship papers in Detroit on Monday. His father was naturalized in Maine more than thirty years ago and a citizen of the United States by virtue of that fact since his majority.

The fusion populists of Minnesota imported a large number of outside advocates of populism, including well known champions of their theories of economics in Nebraska, and were thus enabled to beat off the middle-of-the-road element and arrange for what they call "non-optional co-operation" in Minnesota this year.

HEROES OF THE MAINE.

Buffalo Express: The wreck of the Maine was not without its acts of heroism. The five men who went forward to flood the gun turret and save the vessel showed an example of splendid discipline and devotion to duty worthy of long preservation in the annals of the navy.

Philadelphia Ledger: In the first accounts, rumors rather than reports, of the disaster of the Maine, it was said that some of the officers of that ill-fated vessel were believed to have been ashore or visiting other vessels at the time of the explosion.

New York Journal: When Captain Sigbee reached the deck after the explosion the first person he met was William Anthony, an orderly or marine in the semi-darkness, lit by the flames of the burning ship and pierced by shrieks and groans, he saw Orderly Anthony come to a "present arms" as calmly as if he were dressed in his own uniform.

Chicago Tribune: "George and Laura have been married five years and they are still billing and cooing." "Yes, she coos and he pays the bills."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "And what do you suppose you said when he had killed Alred with the club?" "Please, teacher, he said he didn't know it was loaded."

Cleveland Leader: "What's the trouble between you and the editor of that funny paper?" "He asked the musical drums how it was made." "Oh, he can't take a joke," replied the reputed humorist.

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THE SCOFFING BYSTANDER.

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A Penny Saved is a very good thing and a good many pennies saved are better when it comes to saving dollars. It isn't so easy—but we can even show you how to do that. You can do it at a clip in our hat department. There are all sorts of hats, from \$1.00 to \$3.50—and the best is the best kind to wear—and we want to tell you about our best kind. We put \$5.00 worth of value into our \$3.50 hats—also the \$5.00 shape. Our label is about the only difference. You can take that out—we don't care.